

Ashcroft Infant School

Risk Assessment: Delivering Education during COVID-19 Pandemic

**Effective – September 1st 2021
Reviewed -August 21**

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	<p>Staff and casualty.</p> <p>Transmission may occur when providing First Aid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash/sanitise hands before and after treating a casualty. • Wear disposable gloves, disposable apron, fluid resistant surgical mask and eye protection where there is a risk of respiratory droplets splashing into the eyes due to repeated coughing or vomit. • When performing CPR phone an ambulance and use compression only CPR until the ambulance arrives. <p>If a decision is made to perform mouth-to-mouth ventilation, use a resuscitation face shield where available. (Available in first aid kits)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Assessment of First Aid Needs. • First aiders instructed on the safe “donning and doffing” of PPE. • Maintain stocks of PPE. Where this is not available contact Local Resilience Forum/LA. <p>PPE Exchange can be used to help with finding a supplier.</p> <p>https://www.ppeexchange.co.uk/</p>		M
<p>Resuscitation Council UK Statement:</p> <p>It is likely that a child having an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest will be known to you. We accept that doing rescue breaths will increase the risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus, either to the rescuer or the child. However, this risk is small compared to the risk of taking no action as this will result in certain cardiac arrest and the death of the child.</p>						

	Staff Transmission may occur when supervising pupils taken ill with symptoms of COVID-19 and need direct personal care until they return home.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase ventilation in the room if possible. • PPE provided for supervising adult: Fluid resistant surgical mask if a 2-metre distance cannot be maintained. Where contact with the pupil is needed: Fluid resistant surgical mask, disposable gloves and disposable apron.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain stocks of PPE. Where this is not available contact Local Resilience Forum/LA. • Consider using first aiders to supervise to reduce numbers of staff who need access to PPE. 		H
	Staff and pupil. Transmission may occur when staff administer medicines or supervise pupils who self-administer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervising staff to maintain 2m social distance. • Administering medication – i.e. inhalers/EpiPen's staff to use PPE • Non-essential medication not to be administered in school 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		M

4. Tick (✓) if any of the identified hazards relate to any of the following specific themes:

Hazardous Substance	Manual Handling	Display Screen Equip	Fire	Work Equip / Machinery	Stress	Individual Person such as Young Person New/ Expectant Mother or Service User
✓					✓	

If any are ticked a specific risk assessment form must be completed separately. For example a COSHH form must be completed if a hazardous substance is used.

5. Risk Rating

The risk rating is used to prioritise the action required. Deal with those hazards that are high risk first.

Risk Rating	Description	Action Priority
High	Where harm is certain or near certain to occur and/or major injury or ill-health could result	Urgent action
Medium	Where harm is possible to occur and/or serious injury could result e.g. off work for over 3 days	Medium priority
Low	Where harm is unlikely or seldom to occur and/or minor injury could result e.g. cuts, bruises, strain	No action or low priority action

6. Assessment

Signature of Assessor(s):

Print Name:

S.Bowyer

J Fellows

E Lane

Signature of Line Manager:

Print Name: J.Fellows

Date Assessed: 30/08/2021

Review Date: October 2021

7. Communication and Review

This risk assessment should be communicated to all employees and relevant persons who may come into contact with the hazards being assessed. The assessment must be reviewed annually or following a significant change, accident or violent incident.